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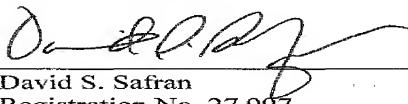
Sir:

On June 22, 2006, an Amendment After Final was filed in response to the final Office Action mailed February 24, 2006, in connection with the above-captioned patent application. On August 14, 2006, the undersigned was advised by the Examiner that that application had been turned in for allowance and as reflected on that attached printout from PAIR, the application is shown as having a status of "Allowed -- Notice of Allowance Not Yet Mailed." However, when the Notice of Allowance was not received, several attempts were made to contact the Examiner without success and it was learned that the PAIR now indicates the status to be "Response After Final Action Forwarded to Examiner." Thus, it is unclear as to the status of the application based on applicants' response, for example, is the application being allowed or is a new Office Action to be expected?

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